

U.S. Prof Faces East Berlin Trial

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Bonn, Nov. 14—A Communist court in East Berlin will try Columbia University art instructor Ronald Wiedenhoeft, 30, on espionage charges, the United States Embassy said today.

Wiedenhoeft, who lived in East Berlin while preparing his doctoral thesis on Berlin architecture, was arrested Sept. 5 when he visited the eastern part of the city to photograph buildings

erected in the 1920s and 1930s, his Berlin-born wife Renate, 24, reported to American authorities.

First Word About Him

Today's announcement was the first word about Wiedenhoeft since he disappeared.

Wiedenhoeft, whose parents live in Milwaukee, was due back Sept. 28 as an instructor in art history and archeology. He has been teaching at Columbia since 1965.

Last month the State Department in Washington made public a protest against Wiedenhoeft's arrest and against the trial of American art student Peter T. Feinauer, 27, of Providence, R.I.

Year Without Charge

The department noted that Feinauer, who was sentenced Sept. 19 to 15 years in prison on an espionage charge, was held for more than a year after his Oct. 7, 1966, arrest before charges were filed.

Wiedenhoeft's wife and two

children have remained in Germany.

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